

## THE ART SCHOOL.

### What Has Been Accomplished in the Past Year.

Progress Made by Students on Mr. Messer's  
Instructions—A Year Devoted to Form  
—Proposed Formation of a Ladies'  
Life Class—Other Plans for  
the Coming Year—Art  
Exhibitions, Etc.

**The Art School Vacation.**—The Washington Art school, which has been steadily and successfully in progress for considerably over a year past, under the efficient charge of Mr. Charles H. Mosser, is ready for the season. It will reopen in October with promise of accomplishing greater results than it has done in the past. This school has slowly but surely proceeded onward to success. The attendance all along has been good, and has steadily increased from the beginning. Mr. Mosser, who is not at all of an enthusiastic nature, is thoroughly satisfied with the progress it has made, and feels much encouraged for future results.

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of the students on their first admission knew absolutely nothing about art, but had an idea that it was a pretty accomplishment to be able to learn, as crocheting, for example. Some of the students matriculated with the purpose of learning in a few easy lessons how to decorate china and to copy old pictures. They did

was any serious hard work about it either of hand or of brain. They speedily discovered their mistake, and for fear of discarding their ideas of studying art they bent to it resolutely and now are among the most earnest and promising of the classes. Mr. Messer has never painted any rose-colored pictures about

to impress upon the minds of all the students the fact that the road to success or to satisfaction lies through the hardest, most fatiguing work, and while many of them have at times felt discouraged at the difficulties that beset them, Mr. Messer has the satisfaction of knowing that they all persevered, steadily overcom-

The life class for gentlemen closed some little while since. Up to this time there has been no life class for ladies, simply because Mrs. Maynard Hunt, chairman of the

progress of the work. Upon the reopening of the school in October there will probably be formed a life class for ladies. Certainly there will be started a class in painting for the study of technique in still life. A few of the students hitherto have been encouraged in the study of colors, but the main and, in fact, the sole object of the school up to this point

has been the attainment of correct expression of form. Sufficient advancement in this requisite has been made to justify the careful and practical superintendent in extending the instruction to coloring. As in the case of form study, the drill in technique will be thorough and severe. Mr. Messer believes in the doctrine of making haste slowly. To

factory from its commencement, and there is good promise for it in the next season. In the past there have been as many as forty students in attendance at one time. The school has never been advertised, nor have any efforts been made to exalt it in public estimation by devices foreign to its work.

intrinsie merit of that work, believing that the success which genuine worth would command was better in the long run than any ephemeral *relat* produced by other means. The result seems to prove the wisdom of his views. The Washington Art school has at length so far conquered its difficulties as to

that in the next season the life class will pay its own way. Hitherto the life class has been carried along at the expense of other branches. The struggle has been severe; it will gratify every lover of art in Washington to be assured that it seems at last to be successful. The District can and should feel proud of its art.

hibition of work at the school. This was in pursuance of the plan that there should be no work for mere show, but for the work's sake alone. It is now thought probable that in the future there will be periodical exhibitions at the school-rooms. This idea, however, has not yet been fully digested or determined.

the good of the classes and to their advancement in the mysteries of their calling.

**ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.**

Edgar warfield has been elected worshipful master of Andrew Jackson lodge No. 129, F. A. A. M.

Mr. John Nightingill had his hand and arm badly burned Wednesday, on board the steamer Arrowsmith.

A mad dog discovered on Union street was caught by the back of the neck by a young man named W. H. T. Petty and carried to the river and drowned.

At a trial of speed Thursday afternoon at the fair grounds, between the colts of Thomas Lannon, John Wentzel and William Wools, the horse of the latter was victorious.

A petition, numerously signed, will be presented to the city council at its next meeting, requesting that body to extend the time for the payment of the city taxes from the 1st of July to the 1st of August.

Avery Henderson, son of Mrs. William Henderson, who lives on Cameron street, met with quite a severe accident Thursday night. The young man had a toy pistol, that he undertook to charge with a revolver cartridge, when it exploded, the ball passing through the centre of his left hand, inflicting a painful but not a dangerous wound.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. W. Whit-  
sor was stolen last Thursday morning from  
his stable in Fairfax county, by a man  
named John P. Sullivan. Yesterday after-  
noon the man was arrested in this city and  
brought to Alexandria by Sergeant Truwood,  
to await the claim of the Fairfax authorities,  
in which case the third person

**Opening a Pleasure Resort.**  
To-night the opening of Driver & Schaffeld's restaurant and summer garden, No. 1343 Pennsylvania avenue, an event which has been anticipated with much interest, will take place. The restaurant has been fitted up in a most comfortable and attractive manner.

the most inviting resorts ever known in Italy. To-night there will be a beautiful sight to please the eye, music to delight the ear, and the best of liquors to render more keen the enjoyment of the delightful surroundings.